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Webinars to Shine a Light on Domestic Violence District Attorney partners with Center for Domestic Peace on free events

San Rafael, CA – In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the <u>Marin County</u> <u>District Attorney's Office</u> is partnering with the <u>Center for Domestic Peace</u> is host two free informational webinars on the topic ABUSE IS NOT ALWAYS PHYSICAL.

Spanish translation will be available for the videoconferences, which will be held Wednesday, October 25, and Wednesday, November 15, from 6-7 PM. To register, visit the <u>DA's Stop Abuse webpage</u>.

At the core of domestic and dating violence is the abuser's need to control. That need can manifest in different ways and become violent over time. Webinar participants will learn common behaviors and patterns of abusive controllers and what to do if they or someone they know is in an abusive relationship.

The San-Rafael based Center for Domestic Peace leads a comprehensive community effort to end the No. 1 violent crime in Marin County: domestic violence. The center provides transformational services and programs that protect and enhance victim safety, and ultimately engage our community in permanent change.

Presenter Meghan Kehoe is the center's Children, Youth and Community Prevention Division Director and a nationally recognized expert on the topic.

District Attorney Lori Frugoli said domestic violence continues to be the most frequent violent crime reported in Marin.

"We also know these crimes are underreported," she said. "We need our community to help solve this problem and end these crimes. You can be an active part of the solution by learning and sharing information about this important issue."